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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. THE USG HAS CONSIDERED THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT REQUEST FOR HELICOPTER AIRLIFT AND POSSIBLE MEDICAL SUPPORT IN RWANDA (REFTEL). THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS OFFERED AND AFFIRMS ITS COMMITMENT FOR MOVEMENT OF BELGIAN TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT SPECIFIED IN REFTEL TO A STAGING AREA OUTSIDE RWANDA. U.S. GOVERNMENT REGRETS IT IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE HELICOPTER SUPPORT BECAUSE OF THE UNCERTAIN SECURITY SITUATION IN AND AROUND KIGALI. THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST FOR MEDICAL SUPPORT REQUIRES FURTHER IDENTIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS, IN TERMS OF TYPE AND QUANTITY.  
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